



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, July 11, 2019
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer,
Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: LisaMarie Betancourt, Queena Chen, and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Daniel Murphy

3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2019:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – LisaMarie Betancourt, Queena Chen, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on commuter shuttle buses in Noe Valley. August the first will make five years since the corporate commuter shuttle bus pilot program began. He wondered how SFMTA considers the program a success when the program is still having so many problems. The companies do not operate according to the rules and they are cheating the system. He stated that the shuttle bus program is a major transformation of a transportation system to private use.

Council member Queena Chen arrived at 5:35 p.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chair and Vice Chair.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Neil Ballard nominated Daniel Weaver. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to elect Daniel Weaver Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – LisaMarie Betancourt, Queena Chen, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent,

Chair Weaver opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Neil Ballard nominated Frank Zepeda. There were no additional nominations, so Chair Weaver closed nominations.

No public comment.

On motion to elect Frank Zepeda as Vice Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – LisaMarie Betancourt, Queena Chen, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the selection of the next Director of Transportation for the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a draft job description.)

Roberta Boomer, Secretary, SFMTA Board of Directors solicited input from the CAC on what traits and values they would like to see in the next SFMTA Director of Transportation.

Council member LisaMarie Betancourt arrived at 5:44 p.m.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:55 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the position description doesn't mention a knowledge of land use, quality assurance, or the environment. There should be a degree of technical inquisitiveness and a plan for the grooming of a successor. Mr. Mason stated that the next Director of Transportation has to be able to say no. There should be a greater awareness of regional

effectiveness and connecting the dots on improving the system and a level of integrity. There should have been no way that Muni went to the Transportation Authority to ask for \$60 million when they knew all the problems with the Siemens vehicles. The leadership style needs to be very up front.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Clipper 2.0 (Diana Hammons, Senior Manager, Revenue Collection & Sales. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Diana Hammons provided an update on the future of Clipper as it pertains to the SFMTA.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired why the Valley Transportation Authority has the accumulator feature on their Clipper cards while it is not available for SFMTA passes. He wondered what the improvement is of Clipper 2.0.

10. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Capital Needs update. (Anne Fritzler, Manager, Strategic Planning & Initiatives. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Anne Fritzler, Manager, Strategic Planning & Initiatives provided an update which included an overview and timeline of the Capital Planning process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the 2050 plan did not have a plan for eliminating commuter shuttle buses. He wondered when and how the SFMTA will take back the private transportation and relieve the pressure off of 24th street. He inquired where the SFMTA is in the planning from a regional perspective and if they are considering providing regional express buses south in conjunction with SamTrans. The SFMTA needs to make a change in the way they do business.

11. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations.

Council member Mark Ballew, Chair, OCSC gave an update on ConnectSF as presented at the June OCSC meeting.

12. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Council member Frank Zepeda, Chair, EMSC gave an update on the Excelsior Safety Project and the Automatic Train Control System (ATCS) as presented at the June EMSC meeting.

Edward Mason stated that Dan Howard has a unique capability of taking complex ideas and reducing it down to where everyone can understand it.

13. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Dorris Vincent asked for a follow up on RFI #190307.10. Eddie Tsui said he drove by and confirmed that the pedestrian signals are at the intersection of McKinnon and Third streets. That is not true. The pedestrian signal is still not on either side of McKinnon at Third on either side of the street.

Joan Downey requested a presentation on what the plans are for the 30 Stockton line.

Aaron Leifer asked if Queena Chen could report out to the Council once the Transit Performance Working Group is up and running. (She confirmed that she would).

Sue Vaughan inquired the SamTrans express bus stops are going to be and what the route is for the buses on 19th Avenue.

Sue Vaughan asked for a breakdown by company of how any commuter buses there are in San Francisco.

Queena Chen asked who the liaison is to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and how to find out about MTC programs that impact the SFMTA.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 1st at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080